

**MARICOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTE BOOK**

**SPECIAL SESSION  
April 16, 2008**

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, Phoenix, Arizona, convened in Special Session at 10:00 a.m., April 16, 2008, in the Courthouse Plaza, 205 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona, with the following members present: Andrew Kunasek, Chairman, District 3; Max W. Wilson, Vice Chairman, District 4; Fulton Brock, District 1; Don Stapley, District 2 and Mary Rose Wilcox, District 5. Also present: Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board; David Smith, County Manager and Victoria Mangiapane, Deputy County Attorney. Votes of the Members will be recorded as follows: aye-nay-absent-abstain.

**1. PILLARS OF HONOR PRESENTATION – SPRING 2008 HONOREES**

Chairman Kunasek welcomed those present to Maricopa County's annual Pillars of Honor Ceremony and acknowledged his four colleagues on the Board of Supervisors, Fulton Brock, Don Stapley, Max Wilson and Mary Rose Wilcox.

Chairman Kunasek said, "The names etched on these three metal columns represent the dedication, talent and the sacrifice of Maricopa County employees. Each year we honor the new names that will be memorialized on these pillars as this County and its family of employees move into the future."

Chairman Kunasek explained that *The Service Pillar* honors those employees who have retired with thirty years or more of service to Maricopa County. *The Salute Pillar* honors those employees who have received national or regional recognition for their work as Maricopa County employees. And, the third pillar, *The Sacrifice Pillar*, honors those employees who have died in the line of duty with Maricopa County, or were killed serving on active military duty while an employee of Maricopa County.

The Chairman reported that there are 111 names on the three Pillars and that fourteen more employee names would be recognized at this year's ceremony. Thirteen names will be added to the Service Pillar and one name will be added to the Sacrifice Pillar. He congratulated all of the honorees and thanked them for the years of service they gave to the citizens of Maricopa County.

Supervisor Wilcox said the 13 people whose names will be added to the Service Pillar this year collectively represent 411 years of service and dedication to the residents of Maricopa County. She added that 30 years plus on a job is a rarity these days and cited a 2007 study that showed the average public sector employee stays in a job for about seven years. She joked that she must be "above average" since she has been with the County for almost 12 years.

Supervisor Wilcox said that the Board of Supervisors have the responsibility of making the decisions that guide this County but it is the dedicated employees, who do the heavy lifting and work, that make Maricopa County government so special. "They have provided the internal leadership and guidance that has made us all so proud and have provided a great example for the rest of the County's 14,000 employees." She said it has been a few years since Maricopa County was recognized nationally as the best run county in the country, and our employees helped us achieve that honor. She added that she believes Maricopa County is still the best run county in the nation.

Supervisor Stapley added his congratulations to those employees being honored and reflected on the word "honor" as being an important word in our culture, "Especially when used to reflect the honor these people have given to us all as they did their job, and handled all the stresses throughout all the days, weeks and years they have served the public." He added that it is the County's honor to recognize its employees with these three symbols. He thanked the honorees for all they have done and continue to do for the County.

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Supervisor Wilson said this made him think of the words “lest we forget” – lest we forget what it was like 30 or more years ago when these people started to work at Maricopa County. They probably used typewriters instead of computers and ditto or mimeograph machines instead of copiers. There were no scanners, or e-mail or instant messaging. Getting to work may have been easier because there was less traffic but there were also very few freeways, dedicated lanes or one-way streets. He said there have been many changes in the past 30-35 years and would be many more in future years, but he believed the spirit of dedicated service of the employees at Maricopa County will never change.

Chairman Kunasek reclaimed the podium to say, “Before I turn it over to my colleague, Fulton Brock, I want to give him credit for these Pillars. It was his idea several years ago to create these memorials to honor Maricopa County employees and it was a great idea. Thank you, Fulton, for making sure it actually happened. I’m glad to have been a part of it.”

Supervisor Brock said he brought the idea of recognizing and honoring Maricopa County employees for special distinction to the attention of his fellow Board Members when he was chairman in 2004. “We put a few people who could dream and create together and came up with the idea and design of these pillars. I want to thank each of them for bringing the dream into reality in a place of honor clearly visible to the public as well as to employees.” Those who contributed ideas, time and effort include: Al Macias, Nancy Santos, Chris Pinuelas, Bruce Evans, Donna Brown, Gary Bridget and Don Tellis.

Supervisor Brock read the thirteen names that would be inscribed on the Service Pillar for 2008:

Robert Chaffin, Department of Transportation, 32 years  
Alfred Avilez, Department of Transportation, 30 years  
Dale Frank, Juvenile Probation, 35 years  
Michael Vacca, Superior Court, 30 years  
Carol Mael, Superintendent of Schools, 30 years  
Mary Millard, Sheriff’s Office, 34 years  
Mike Coonen, Juvenile Probation, 33 years  
Frank Angulo, Juvenile Probation, 33 years  
Ronald Harris, Department of transportation, 31 years  
Cora Sanchez, Sheriff’s Department, 30 years  
Jesus Oviedo, Department of Transportation, 32 years  
James Rizer, County Attorney’s Office, 30 years  
Nancy Simon, Superior Court, who passed away soon after her retirement

The one name added to the Sacrifice Pillar:

John Cardenas, Department of Transportation, killed in the line of duty on the job.

Supervisor Brock thanked those attending the service to honor these employees and wished those retiring employees a very happy future.

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**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

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/s/ Andrew Kunasek, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

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/s/ Fran McCarroll, -Clerk of the Board